



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: ANALYSIS OF AGONIST-ACTIVITY AND ANTAGONIST-ACTIVITY TO  
CYTOKININ RECEPTOR

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

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Sir:

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We, TATSUO KAKIMOTO, MASAYUKI HIGUCHI, and TSUTOMU INOUE do hereby declare and state:

THAT we are the inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-mentioned application;

THAT we are co-authors of *Nature* Vol. 409, 1060-1063 (2001) (a copy of which is attached); and

THAT the present invention was invented prior to October 16, 2000, as evidenced by the date that the manuscript published as *Nature* Vol. 409, 1060-1063 was received by the Journal *Nature* for publication (see page 1063, above references). *Nature* Vol. 409, 1060-1063 shows typical working examples of the present invention (see page 1061, right column, lines 15-36, and page 1062, Figure 4). *Nature* Vol. 409, 1060-1063 shows *CRE1* gene, which is a typical example of a cytokinin receptor gene within scope of the claims. *Nature* Vol. 409, 1060-1063 also shows a yeast strain deficient in the *SLN1* gene (*sln1 Δ* mutant) (page 1061, right column, lines 15-26),